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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
MISSING FRIENDS.
THOMAS COLLINS NISBET formerly Engineer, C. S. N. Co. is reported to have communicated at once with his brother, or anyone able to give any information concerning him will be obliged by communicating with
Dr. W. B. NISBET,
Townsley,
Queensland,
Australia.

PONIES, PONIES, PONIES.
THE Underigned will hold their ANNUAL SALE OF RACE PONIES on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 8 p.m. opposite the CITY HALL, when upwards of 50 ponies will be offered.
Bidding will be received until Noon on day of Sale.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [481]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 19th February, 1898, at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a SMALL COLLECTION OF ORCHIDS, "DENDROBIUM SUPERBUM" (PHILIPPINES), IN FINE CONDITION.
Terms—As Customer.

GEORGE P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [482]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 22nd February, 1898, at the New Sales Rooms, No. 8A, Queen's Road Central (for account of the consignor), An Invoice of Red and White after dinner CLOTHES from the well known old firm of Messrs ANDRIEU & FILS of Bordeaux, Consigning—
DAS MEDCO, CHATEAU BEL AIR, ST. JEAN, L'YON, CHATEAU LAFITE and CHATEAU GRAND ARBORE of 1892.
CHATEAU BRANT LOYAL 1892.
ST. JULIEN and ST. ESTHER of 1892.
CHATEAU LEBLANC and MAMMAUX of 1890.
GRAVES, BARSAC, SAUTERES and CHATEAU YQUEM of 1894.
CHATEAU YQUEM, CHATEAU RUBAT of 1892.
CHATEAU LE FOUR BLANCHE and CHATEAU VIGNEAU of 1891.
Outlines will be issued.
Terms of Sale—As Customer.

V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [483]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 22nd February, 1898, at his Sales Rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2, for account of whom it may concern, A LARGE QUANTITY OF WINES, PROVISIONS AND STORES, Consisting—
BUTTER, TINNED VEGETABLES, MARGARINE, BISCUITS, TINNED OYSTERS, &c., SOUPS, SALTED BEEF, CANNED LIME JUICE, VINEGAR, SALAD OIL, PICKLES, SALT, IN BOTTLES, SWEETS, WHISKY, SHERRY, BRANDY, CLARET, PORT, CHAMPAGNE, BEER, GIN, KUMMEL, SPIRITS OF WINE, &c.
Also—
HANDKERCHIEFS, PORCELAIN WARE, BEADS, LAMPS, CLOCKS, GLOVES, UMBRELLAS, NECKTIES, SCARF, SINGLES, THERMAL SOCKS, GLASSWARE, MEMBERS, TOBACCO, &c.
A LOT OF FURNITURE & FIXINGS.
On View at the Underigned's.
Terms of Sale—Cash before delivery as Customary.

PAUL BREWITT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [484]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STOREKEEPER to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd February, 1898, at Noon, at H. M. NAVAL YARD, SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING CONDENSED STORES, Consisting—
OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF, RAGS, CANVAS, CLOTHING, IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c.
The Sale of VICTUALLING STORES will commence at about 1.30 p.m.
Terms of Sale—As Customer.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [485]

FOR SHANGHAI.
"LOONGMOON."
Captain F. Schults will be despatched for the above port TO-DAY, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m. This Steamer has superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & CO.,
Hongkong, 17th February, 1898. [478]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SHANGHAI.
The Company's Steamship
"KWEILAN."
Captain Harris will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1898. [479]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.
The Steamship
"ABRATON APCAR."
Captain K. H. Semblinger will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 8 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID RABSON, SONS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1898. [471]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.
THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of March, 1898, at 3 o'clock p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, in the following lots—
LOT I.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate near the GAP, VICTORIA PEAK, in the Island of Hongkong, and measuring on the North side thereof 247 feet and 6 inches or thereabouts, on the East side thereof 246 feet or thereabouts, on the South side thereof 575 feet or thereabouts, containing in the whole 57,600 square feet, or thereabouts, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is registered in the LAND OFFICE as RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 5 and is held for a term of 75 years from the 1st day of January, 1878, at the yearly Crown Rent of \$1800 Hongkong Currency.

LOT II.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate near the GAP, VICTORIA PEAK, in the Island of Hongkong, and measuring on the North side thereof 30 feet or thereabouts, on the South side thereof 120 feet or thereabouts, on the East side thereof 275 feet or thereabouts, on the West side thereof 246 feet or thereabouts, containing in the whole 19,400 square feet or thereabouts which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is registered in the LAND OFFICE as RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 17 and is held for a term of 75 years commencing from the 22nd day of January, 1882, at the yearly Crown Rent of \$1830 Hongkong Currency.

LOT III.
All that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate near the GAP, VICTORIA PEAK, in the Island of Hongkong, and measuring on the North side thereof 30 feet or thereabouts, on the South side thereof 120 feet or thereabouts, on the East side thereof 275 feet or thereabouts, on the West side thereof 246 feet or thereabouts, containing in the whole 19,400 square feet or thereabouts which said Piece or Parcel of Ground is registered in the LAND OFFICE as RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 17 and is held for a term of 75 years commencing from the 22nd day of January, 1882, at the yearly Crown Rent of \$1830 Hongkong Currency.

LOT IV.
All that portion of the PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at VICTORIA PEAK, in the Island of Hongkong, and registered in the LAND OFFICE as Section C of RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 9, together with the message or tenement thereon known as No. 6, SEVENWAY TERRACE, Victoria Peak, aforesaid, held for a term of 75 years commencing from the 17th day of March, 1879, at the proportioned yearly Crown Rent of \$334 Hongkong Currency.

LOT V.
All that portion of the PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at VICTORIA PEAK, in the Island of Hongkong, and registered in the LAND OFFICE as Section C of RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 9, together with the message or tenement thereon known as No. 6, SEVENWAY TERRACE, Victoria Peak, aforesaid, held for a term of 75 years commencing from the 17th day of March, 1879, at the proportioned yearly Crown Rent of \$334 Hongkong Currency.

LOT VI.
All that portion of the PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at MOUNT KELLY, Victoria Peak, in the Island of Hongkong, and registered in the LAND OFFICE as RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 82, together with the message or tenement thereon known as "THE RETREAT," held for a term of 75 years from the 10th day of December, 1877, at the proportioned yearly Crown Rent of \$2.

LOT VII.
All that portion of the PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND situate at MOUNT KELLY, Victoria Peak, in the Island of Hongkong, and registered in the LAND OFFICE as RURAL BUILDING LOT No. 82, together with the message or tenement thereon known as "THE RETREAT," held for a term of 75 years from the 10th day of December, 1877, at the proportioned yearly Crown Rent of \$2.

LOT VIII.
All the properties above mentioned will be sold subject to the Particulars and Conditions of Sale, which may be obtained from the Underigned or from Messrs JOHNSON, STOKES & LITTLE, Solicitors for the Vendor, No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

GEORGE P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [486]

FOR THE MAIL.
THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS will be ready to-morrow and will contain—
Leading Articles.
The Mercantile Marine as a Recruiting Ground for the Navy.
Chinese Responsibility for Piracy in Tonkin.
The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.
Ragbelling on Boyen Road.
Hongkong Race Meeting.
French Designs on Hainan and What is to become of the Valley of the West River.
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.
Hongkong Hotel Co., Limited.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Limited.
The Great Fire at Manila.
Cricket Hongkong Yacht Club.
Correspondence.
Local and District Intelligence.
Subscription \$12 per Annum payable in advance, postage 2s.
Extra copies 30 cents each, Cash.
Copies can be posted from the Office to addresses sent, including postage 34 cents each, or 81 for three copies Cash.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Company's Steamship
"NESTOR."
Captain Agnew will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd inst., at 8 p.m.
For Freight apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [484]

ENTERTAINMENTS.
THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
THE HONGKONG MATHEMATICAL CLUB.
WILL GIVE TWO PERFORMANCES OF "THE DUCHESSE OF BAYS," WATER & CO.
and
"A PANTOMIME REHEARSAL," TO-MORROW, the 19th February, 1898, and MONDAY, 21st February, 1898. Performance each night at 9 p.m. precisely.
PATES ... \$3.35 and 81
Half prices to the Pitt for Soldiers, Sailors, and Police in Uniform.
SEATS can be booked at the THEATRE on and after MONDAY, the 14th February.
Boxing Office opens from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. (On Mondays the Office will close at 4 P.M.)
Late train quarter of an hour after fall of curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL, Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1898. [384]

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
By kind permission of Captain the Hon. HAWESON LAMBTON, THE DRAMATIC COMPANY
"H.M.S. 'POWERFUL'"
Will give a Performance.
ON WEDNESDAY, 23rd February, Commencing at 8.15 p.m.

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT.
Concluding with the GRAND REALISTIC TABLEAU.
"SONS OF THE OCEAN."
The whole to conclude with the Laughing Pirates.
"BORROWED PLUMES."
THE SPECTACULAR STAIRING BAND Will play selections during the Performance.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.
Reserved Seats ... \$2.00
Stalls ... \$1.00
Back Seats ... \$0.50
Soldiers and Sailors half-price except to the Back Seats.
Seats may be booked at the Robinson Piano Co.'s Saloon.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1898. [483]

AUCTIONS.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
OF USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on (FRIDAY), the 19th February, 1898, Commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, a QUANTITY OF USEFUL FURNITURE, Consisting—
SADDLE BAG and PLUSH DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, SHIRAZ PADESTRY and PLUSH SUITE, CARVED TEAK OVER-MANTLES with BEVELLED MIRRORS, LACE CURTAINS, CARPETS, RUGS, and ORNAMENTS, &c.
TEAK EXTENSION DINING TABLE and DINING CHAIRS, CARVED TEAK SIDEBORD, DINNER WAGON, GLASSWARE, ELECTRO-PLATE and CUTLERY, &c.
IRON and BRASS MOUNTED DOUBLE BEDSTEADS, CARVED TEAK WAERBOBES with GLASS DOORS, MARBLE TOP TOILET TABLES, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, OCCASIONAL TABLES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, &c., &c.
BATHROOM and PANTRY REQUISITES, &c.
A few PIECES of FINELY CARVED CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE.
Also,
Several BICYCLES in good condition.
ONE COTTAGE PIANO in good condition.
On View from THURSDAY, 17th Feb., 1898, Terms—As Customer.

GEORGE P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1898. [483]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Underigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY, the 21st February, 1898, at 11 A.M., at their Auction Rooms in Lee House Street, OFFICE DESKS, CHAIRS, CLOCKS, WRITING and DROTING PAPER, PENCILS, INKS, BOOKS, BELLS, ONE RICKSHAW, &c., &c., the Stock in Trade of The Hongkong San Po, and 21 Pieces of TYPE, and at Noon, at No. 3, Pottinger Street, LAMPING PRESS, 1 CUTTING MACHINE, 2 COMPRESSORS, 2 PRESS TABLES, 2 HAND PRESSES, and ONE LARGE PRINTING MACHINE.
Terms—As Customer.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1898. [475]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 53.
THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held on the spot, on MONDAY, the 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 1898, at 3 p.m., are published for general information.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 6th February, 1898. [456]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.
No. of Lot. Boundary. Quantity. Area. Estimated Price. Actual Price.
1. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100.
2. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100.
3. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100.
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8. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100.
9. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100.
10. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100. 100.

CHAMPAGNES.
FOMMERY & GREN. VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN. LOUIS ROBERT. BOLLINGER & Co. KRUG & Co. REB-HEIDRICK. LAMON FINE ET FILS. JEROY, CAETE D'OE. C. H. DABOINNE & Co. PAUL DOMMIE & Co.
Sole Agents for above B. JAMES in Hongkong and China. CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.
Telephone No. 75.
15, Queen's Road.

CUTLER, PALMER & CO.
Have been Shippers to China for nearly 50 years. Their Brands are favorably known all over the World.

AI QUALITY COGNAC.
Distinguished by 4 Stars on the label. Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

VERY GOOD COGNAC.
Somewhat younger than the above. Distinguished by 2 Stars on the label. Price \$16.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

"PALL MALL" WHISKY.
Eleven years old, very fine quality. Each bottle bears an analysis of a certificate. The quality is guaranteed. Price \$20.00 per 1 dozen bottles.

C. P. & CO.'S OWN SPECIAL BLEND SCOTCH WHISKY.
In Patented Bottle. Price \$10.75 per 1 dozen bottles.

CHAMPAGNE & BRUT.
A Natural, i.e., a Brut, Sparkling Wine, of the Vintage 1897, partly daily analysis to the distillation. The price is, but \$23.50 per one doz. quart bottles.

Agents—SIEMSEN & Co., HONGKONG.

CHAMPAGNE.
BOUCHE FILS & CIE.
LIGHT, DRY, NATURAL FLAVORS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY.

GOLD LABEL ... 1 doz. qt. \$31.00 2 doz. pla. \$33.00
BLACK LABEL ... 1 doz. qt. 30.00 2 doz. pla. 30.00
SOLE AGENTS
H. PRICE & Co.,
No. 12, Queen's Road Central.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, LATE DAKIN, CRICKSANK & Co., LIMITED, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
CHEMISTS AND DRUGGISTS,
DEALERS IN PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUISITES.
MANUFACTURERS OF
HIGH-CLASS AERATED WATERS.
IMPORTERS OF
SELECTED BRANDS OF WINES, SPIRITS, AND CIGARS.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1898. [428]

JUST RECEIVED BY "NATAL."
SALAD OIL, SALAD OIL, SALAD OIL.
DESSERTE OLIVE OIL EXTRA SUPERFINE VIRGIN CLARIFIED. 1 doz. Bottles. \$10.00 2 doz. \$10.00
J. R. & A. ANAND SUPERFINE " " 12 " 5.50 24 " 5.50
" " " " 18 ex. 7.00 36 ex. 7.00
" " " " 24 ex. 8.50 48 ex. 8.50
" " " " 24 ex. 10.25 48 ex. 10.25
FINE LUCERNE OIL

BEST FRENCH VEGETABLES in Glass.
Asparagus, CHAMPAGNE ASPARAGUS, FRENCH BEANS EXTRA FINE, GREEN PEAS, BRUSSELS CARBOURS, MIXED MACCHOIRS (d'Inde), HARICOTS, FLAGEOLLES, CAULIFLOWERS.
G. GIRAUET,
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

COTTAM & CO.
JUST RECEIVED.
A SHIPMENT OF OUR
CELEBRATED STRAW HATS.
ALL SIZES. [431]

AUSTRALIAN FROZEN MUTTON.
A limited supply still on hand in the Ice Co.'s Cold Storage Chamber.
Orders should reach us before 4 o'clock p.m. for delivery the next morning.

LEGS and CHOPS ... 20 cents per lb.
SHOULDERS ... 18 " "

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
FLETCHER & CO.
THE PHARMACY, 22, QUEEN'S ROAD. (OPPOSITE THE HONGKONG HOTEL.)
IMPERIAL EMBROCATION
For Rheumatism Lumbago and specially recommended whilst in training for Athletic Sports. [433]

ALARMING SPREAD
OF SMALL POX.
THINK CAREFULLY.
DECIDE WISELY.
ACT PROMPTLY.
AND USE
ESSET'S FLUID
THE BEST KNOWN
DISINFECTANT.
WATKINS & Co.,
SOLE AGENTS.

INTIMATIONS.
NOTICE.
BANKERS and the Public are cautioned against accepting the following BONDS of the 5% CHINA GOLD LOAN, the property of the Underigned—
C. 99,067 to 99,071 for £100 each. B. 55,166 for £50.
H. L. DAIRYMPLIE,
Hongkong, 18th February, 1898. [472]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half Year ending 31st December last at the rate of ONE POUND and FIVE SHILLINGS 6d. per Share of £125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 14th inst., at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.
By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 14th February, 1898. [413]

BOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 204.
A REGULAR MEETING of the BOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FARMERS' HALL TO-DAY, the 18th inst., at 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1898. [429]

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
now issues a new form of life policy, which contains more advantageous guarantees than any policy ever issued on a sound and conservative basis, and these guarantees are made by the strongest life assurance company in the world.

ASSETS, £10,349,351
LIABILITIES, 38,819,493
Surplus, £10,520,828
W. H. TALBOT,
Sub-Manager for the East.

HOTELS.
PEAK HOTEL
1,350 feet above sea level.
A FIRST CLASS HOTEL adjoining the Tramway Terminus.
FINE HEALTHY LOCATION, commanding magnificent View of the City and Harbour, the mainland of China, and Islands.
The Hotel is now under EUROPEAN MANAGEMENT.
GEO. J. CASANOVA,
City Office, No. 1, Duddell Street, Hongkong, 1st September, 1897. [410]

HING KEE'S HOTEL, MACAO.
A NEW Bakery building specially built for the above establishment is in completion and ready to accommodate guests.
J. HING KEE,
Proprietor.
Telegraphic address "HING KEE." [114]

"BOA VISTA" HOTEL, MACAO.
THE only FIRST CLASS HOTEL in the Colony. Very moderate terms by the day or month. European Management.
MACAO is distant 45 miles West of Hongkong and the journey made each day (SUNDAY excepted) by the Negatiffon Saloon Steamer "HEUNOSHAN" in 3 hours, leaving Hongkong at 2 p.m. and Macao at 5 a.m. Connection made by Company's Steamer to and from Canton.
Tourists should not miss the chance of visiting this famous old City.
For Terms, apply
MANAGER.
Telegraphic Address, "Boavista." [144]

NEW VICTORIA HOTEL, SHAMEN, CANTON.
GOOD ACCOMMODATION, Excellent Cuisine.
Every CONVENIENCE for TOURISTS.
MADAR & FARMER, T. P. de CRUZ, Proprietors.
Telegraphic address—"VICTORIA." [1028]
Canton, 10th December 1897.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL-TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.
TIME TABLE.
7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every half hour.
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
4.00 p.m. to 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m. and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.35 p.m. every half hour.
Extra Night cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m. SUNDAYS.
8.45 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. Every half hour.
10.30 a.m. and 10.45 a.m. Every quarter of an hour.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Every quarter of an hour.
Night cars at 8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., and from 9.45 p.m. to 11.35 p.m. every quarter of an hour.
SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, 33 & 35, Queen's Road Central.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st April, 1898. [2216]

ARRIVALS.
Feb. 16, THYRA, Norwegian steamer, 711, Harstad, Fulo Samblaun 1st February, 1898.
Feb. 16, OCEANIA, American flag, 5,900, Gilder, Yokohama 11th February, 1898.
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NAVAL SUPREMACY TO BE MAINTAINED.
London, 20th January.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, delivered an important speech at Bristol last night, in which he stated that he expects a large surplus at the end of the present financial year, and in consequence it was intended by the Government to make a considerable increase in the number of blue-jackets. The Government, he said, was watching the naval programmes of foreign Powers, and fully intended to keep ahead in naval com-

BRITAIN'S MILITARY PREPARATIONS.
London, 22nd January.
Field-Marshal Lord Wolsley, Commander-in-Chief of the British army, states that if they were adopted, the new small arm would be a great improvement, and drilled than any arm that had previously been sent from Great Britain, would be ready for embarkation before the ships were ready to transport them to the scene of operations.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.
London, 22nd January.
The election of a member of the House of Commons for the constituency of the City of Dublin in place of Mr. William Kenny, Q.C., who has been appointed to a Judgeship, took place yesterday, and resulted in the return of Mr. Campbell, the Unionist candidate, who defeated the Nationalist Mr. Plunkett by a majority of 138 votes.

Count Plunkett declares that the election was carried by means of unparliamentary means, and that he has handed in his resignation, and his opponent, and states that he is determined to secure a fair trial.

TERIBLE COALMINE ACCIDENT.
London, 22nd January.
Reports from Brussels bring intelligence of a terrible catastrophe, which occurred in a colliery at Wasmes, in Belgium. From the

ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES.
London, 23rd January.
The New Central London Underground Railway Company has ordered the construction in New York of thirty-two electric locomotives for use on the lines of the company's system.

CANADIAN NAVAL RESERVE FORCE.
Ottawa, 23rd January.
It is reported from Ottawa that the Government of Canada have in hand a scheme by which it is proposed to train the men employed in the fishing industry in the winter months during which fishing is suspended.

CANADIAN AUSTRALIAN RAIL LINE.
London, 24th January.
On the petition of the Canadian and Shipping Company, Mr. Justice Wright to-day made an order for the winding up of this Canadian company, which was formed by Messrs. Gray, Dawes & Co. Proprietor, (Limited), and a manager has been appointed. It is not likely, however, that there will be any interruption of the present service of the line, which has been the cause of disputes between Messrs. Gray, Dawes, &

Co. agents for the New Zealand Shipping Company, and Mr. Edgar, of the
THE COST OF THE ENGINEERING STRIKE.
 London, 24th January.
 It is stated that since the commencement of the strike in the engineering trade the men have lost £2,000,000, which has had to be made over £200,000 of which has been paid out of the funds of the Unamalgamated Society of Engineers in order to maintain the strike.

LEISE, MATTHEI, IN GERMANY.
 London, 25th January.
 The editor of the *Kladderstreek*, a comic paper published in Berlin, has been sentenced to two months' imprisonment on the charge of insulting the Emperor, William.

WRECKED DUTY IN ITALY.
 London, 25th January.
 The Italian Government have decided to reduce the import duty on rice to 10 per cent, until next year, owing to the failure of the harvest in Italy.

LADY SYKES.
 London, 26th January.
 Lady Jessica Sykes, an invalid, with her husband, Sir Arthur Sykes, a baronet, a money-lender named Jay recently brought an action to restrain the publication of a pamphlet, in which notes which Sir Arthur Sykes had written

forgive by his wife, has now left England.

A TERRIBLE FIRE.

London, 26th January.

News is to hand from the State of California fire which has occurred at Spokane, in the State of Washington. From the reports to date it seems that a large six-story hotel, the "Coughtry" fire, and one of the largest of the kind in the city, was completely destroyed. The building was occupied by 100 persons, and of this number it is believed that fully fifty have been killed, and the remainder are being taken to the nearest hospital. The fire was caused by the flames to the upper stories of the building made some desperate leaps to the ground, which in the majority of cases proved fatal.

EXTENSIVE DESTRUCTION OF GRAIN.

St. Louis, 26th January.

It is reported from St. Louis, U.S.A., that a wheat elevator containing 3,000,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat, and a railway car laden with corn, caught fire and were completely destroyed. It is estimated that the loss caused by the disaster amounts to 1,000,000 bushels.

THE ROUTE TO THE KLONDYKE.

London, 26th January.

The Government of Canada have sanctioned the construction of a railway on the land grant principle from Glenora, on the Stikkeen River, to Teahlu Lake, and the construction of this line, which is expected to be completed in Sep-

THE EGYPTIAN CAMPAIGN.
London, 24th January.
Sir H. H. Kitchener, Sirard of the forces in Egypt, states that the Derwish force is now being driven back to the Sudda, and that the British are operating on the Upper Nile advancing until the next high Nile.

London, 30th January.
The Daily Telegraph publishes a statement to the effect that the reinforcements recently despatched to strengthen General Kitchener's force in the Sudan were sent in consequence of the disorders prevailing among the Egyptian and Sudanese troops at the continuous overwork to which they had been subjected. It is also stated that the Sudanese soldiers demand that they should be allowed to have their wives in the camp.

GERMANY AND THE BULGARIAN CASE.
London, 26th January.
The Paris newspaper, "Le Temps," has published the statement made in the Reichstag by Herr Von Bulow, German Minister for Foreign Affairs, that Germany had no objection to the extradition with the alleged treasury of Captain Dreyfus, and they declare that in making this statement he was lying.

EXCITEMENT IN PARIS.—London, 24th January. M. Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the Times, states that the scene in the Chamber of Deputies was largely an electioneering one, and a indication of an early dissolution of the Chamber.

Further details of the scene state that fists and stones were hurled at the speaker, and that some of the soldiers appeared on the threshold of the Chamber, but retired again owing to an order from the President of the Chamber. A riot was continued in the lobby after the Chamber was cleared.

There is much excitement in Paris, and the Chamber and the bridges are filled with troops, but it is now considered that the anti-Semitic rioters have been over-awed. M. Blowitz states that the Chamber has been condemned what he terms audacious street appeals for a revolution, and states that he will strongly repress any organised disorder. He has refused to discuss the subject of the riot, which was made by ex-Captain Dreyfus, who he says would imply a reopening of the trial.

London, 25th January.

The French Chamber of Deputies yesterday, after the speech by the Premier, M. Méline, in which he stated that he would strongly repress

The Public Prosecutor has demanded from the French Chamber of Deputies authority to prosecute M.M. Debornis, Granit, and Richard, members of the Chamber, in connection with the disorderly scene which took place in the House on Saturday last.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	
TUESDAY, 17th February	
EXCHANGE.	
ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	110 1/4
Bank Bills, on demand	110 1/4
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	110 1/4
Bank Bills, at 1 month's sight	110 1/4
Credit, at 1 month's sight	110 1/4
Commodity Bills, at 4 months' sight	110 1/4
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	225
Credit, at 1 month's sight	225
ON BRUSSELS.—	
On demand	1.891
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
do do, 60 days' sight	45 1/2
ON BOYB.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	1394

ON BANK, on demand	140
ON CALCUTTA	
on demand	139
Transfer	140
ON BANK, on demand	140
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank at sight	74
Private 30 days sight	74
ON YOKOHAMA	
on demand	81 1/2 p.m.
ON MANILA	
on demand	11 1/2 p.m.
ON SINGAPORE	
on demand	1 1/2 p.m.
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	10.61
GOLD LEAF, 189 fine, for talen	55.00

JOINT STOCK SHAREES.		
COMPANY.	PAID UP.	MARKET.
Bank.		\$341.25, ex div.
Hongkong & Shian.	\$129	173 p.m. fresh.
China & Japan, p.m.	60	100 p.m.
	\$125	100 p.m.

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Longking Inc.	\$25	\$107, sellers
L. & K. Ward & G.	\$25	\$10, buyers
Longking Inc.	\$25	\$10, buyers
L. & W. Duck	\$25	\$27, p. prem.,
Innuence	\$25	\$121.25, sellers
Centon	\$25	\$14, sellers
China Fire	\$20	\$18
China Traders	\$20	\$88, sellers
Hongkong Fire	\$16	\$323, sellers
Yongking	\$16	\$323, sellers
Straits	\$16	\$4, sellers
Union	\$20	\$223, sale
Yongking	\$16	\$345, sale
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inc.	\$50	\$75
Yongking	\$50	\$155, sellers
Kowloon Land & B.	\$40	\$173
West Point Building	\$40	\$173
Landinger	\$40	\$24, sellers
Ninling		
Charoengwan	Co. \$50	\$140, buyers
Gl. Eta & Cdozian	\$50	\$8, sellers

Jeilani	\$5	
New Editorial	\$2	
Do.	\$1	\$1.40, sellers
Do.	\$1	\$1.40, sellers
Oliver's Mines, A.	\$5	\$9, sellers
Do. B.	\$24	\$31, sellers
Pumpkin	\$1	\$1.40, sellers
Do.	\$1	\$1.40, sellers
Rauha	(36, 146)	\$213
New Amoy Dock	\$10	\$14, sellers
Do.	\$10	\$14, sellers
China and Manila	\$50	\$76, sellers
China Mutual Ord.	210	\$27, 150, and c. b.
Do. Preference	210	\$27, 150, and c. b.
Do.	40	\$23, 150, and c. b.
Douglas Steamship H.	100	\$474
Ly. Canton and M.	210	\$55
Indo-China	210	\$55
Tobacco Planting Co.	45	\$5, sellers
Do.	45	\$5, sellers
United Motors	80	\$2, sellers
Do.	80	\$2, sellers
Do.	\$10	\$10, nonrent
Wanchai Warehouse	\$10	\$14
Do.	\$10	\$14

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Dokro							
Kochi							
Sagami							
Kanagawa							
Gutsufu	30.00	68	65	SNW	4	f	c
Sharp Peak	25.00	68	65	PIB	1	f	c
Utsunomiya	25.83	68	65	PIB	1	f	c
Swallow							
Sanjo	29.15	70	100	PIB	1	f	c
Utsunomiya	29.15	70	100	PIB	1	f	c
Victory Peak							
Gap Rock	27.51			SW	5	f	c
Musco	29.79	76		SW	5	f	c
Maikappa				SW	5	f	c
Bollino	29.85	81	79	SW	1	b	b
Maru	29.85	81	79	SW	1	b	b
On the 17th at 11.35 a.m.							

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18th to 24th February.						
HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.			
Day of Month.	Hour of Spring Tide.	Hour from Mean Time.	Height.	Hour from Mean Time.	Height.	Hour from Mean Time.
Fri. 18	m	52	6.44	m	1.44	7.1
Sat. 19	m	50	6.32	m	1.42	7.1
Sun. 20	m	47	6.20	m	1.39	7.1
Mon. 21	m	45	6.08	m	1.36	7.1
Tue. 22	m	43	5.56	m	1.33	7.1
Wed. 23	m	40	5.44	m	1.30	7.1
Thurs 24	m	38	5.32	m	1.27	7.1

